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S. B. No. 464 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

This proposed bill would require the DPUC to contract with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority on our efficiency and renewable programs and to establish such an entity in this state. As you know, Connecticut's energy efficiency programs have been a significant energy policy success, putting Connecticut on the national map of successful programs. This proposed bill would totally disrupt the effective processes we already have in place to help reduce energy consumption, promote the use of renewable energy sources, develop a diversified energy supply portfolio, improve market mechanisms and facilitate the introduction and adoption of advanced technologies. Our efficiency programs have been in place as long as those of NYSERDA, and they are equally if not more effective. ***It would eliminate Connecticut jobs and replace them with jobs in New York.*** More government is not the answer (NYSERDA has 285 employees and a \$41 million payroll). ***We strongly oppose this bill.***

Our efficiency programs are managed and administrated by regulated utilities, with oversight by the Energy Conservation Management Board and the DPUC. Our programs are transforming our State's productivity and enhancing the energy efficiency of existing and future homes:

- Saving our customers about \$4 in electric system benefits for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency;
- \$774 M in future energy savings by means of 2008 program expenditures;
- 2.4 M tons of CO₂ not released in 2008;
- 23,202 participants = 211,282,289 lifetime kWh savings per house-hold;
- 3,697 kW (summer) savings for 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this bill.